

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 24, 2004

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:07 P.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by John R. Boyer.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: John Brown, Ann Devore, George Dutro, Thomas Hodek, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Ann Devore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. None
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.25, 2004, A RESOLUTION AMENDING PREVIOUSLY PASSED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA RESOLUTIONS, COLLECTIVELY ENTITLED RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS DECLARING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO BE WITHIN AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-1, ET. SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FORM IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREAS ALL PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-1. ET SEQ.” (Boyer Machine & Tool Company) Judy Jackson, Director of Community Development explained the economic revitalization area designation and requested that the Council approve that along with tax abatement for Boyer Machine and Tool Company. Judy Jackson introduced William Boyer and John Boyer, owners of Boyer Machine and Tool Company. They requested tax abatement on personal property in conjunction with the purchase and installation of new manufacturing equipment to be located at its plant at 1080 South Gladstone Avenue, Columbus, Indiana. The approximate cost will be \$424,228.89. As a result of this tax abatement, one (1) new job would be created and 34 retained. This is Boyer Machine and Tool Company first tax abatement. Robert Kittle reported that the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Boyer Machine and Tool Company to be in substantial compliance. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Resolution for Designation of Economic Revitalization Area and the Tax Abatement for Boyer Machine and Tool Company. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Introduction of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, ANNEXING AND DECLARING TO BE PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS THERETO.” (Cornerstone Commercial West) George Dutro, City Councilman, explained this Ordinance and the next Ordinance on the agenda was a conflict of interest for him and he excused himself. Laura Thayer of the Planning Department explained the annexation. Laura Thayer indicated at the regular meeting on August 4th, 2004 of the Columbus Plan Commission a scheduled public hearing on the petition by Cornerstone Development Company to annex to the City of Columbus was held. No one expressed support for or opposition to the proposal. The Plan Commission and the Planning Department recommended approval of the annexation. Laura Thayer indicated a public hearing would be held on September 9th, 2004 at the scheduled City Council meeting. There was no further action needed on this agenda item.
- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPORXIMATELY 3.6 ACRES, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CARLOS FOLGER ROAD APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET WEST OF THE EAST INTERSECTION OF CARLOS FOLGER ROAD AND STATE ROAD 46, FROM AG (AGRICULTURE) TO B-4 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS).” (Cornerstone Commercial West) Laura Thayer explained the rezoning issue on this property. Martha Myers moved to place the Ordinance in proper channels. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.17, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1 AND 2 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SEWAGE WORKS, REGULATION THE USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATERS AND WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS THEREOF.” Keith Reeves explained this Ordinance presented amends the sewer use ordinance as per the EPA’s request. The changes clarify the Board’s authority and limits and are fully supported by the Utility staff. George Dutro made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the motion on the first reading. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Ordinance. John Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- E. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer, briefly explained the MPO program. He reviewed the details of the program and informed the Council that this program would be ongoing and would be reimbursed 80% by the Department of Transportation on a quarterly basis. Martha Myers made a motion to place in proper channels. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- F. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2004.” Steve Ruble explained the additional appropriation would be needed to fund this program through the end of the current year, 2004. Martha Myers made a motion to place it proper channels. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- G. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2003 ENTITLED “THE 2004 SALARY ORDINANCE.” Steve Ruble explained that this Ordinance would establish the salary for the MPO employee. Martha Myers made a motion to place in proper channels. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- H. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.18, 2004, A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE 2003 STATE GAMBLING FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10 FRANKLIN STREET, COLUMBUS, INDIANA, 47201.” Mayor Armstrong explained to the Council that the City of Columbus was in desperate need of storage space. Alva Miller owns the property directly behind City Hall and wishes to sell the property. This property had been used as an oil company. There were questions concerning a report from IDEM. Tim Coriden, City attorney, informed the Council Mr. Miller was still waiting for a “no action needed” letter from the EPA but knew he would be responsible for any clean-up. Mayor Armstrong indicated the Riverboat Fund had adequate funds to purchase this property and would not require any taxpayer money. George Dutro moved to approve the resolution. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1. John Brown did not vote on the motion and Robert Kittle voted against the motion.
- I. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005.” Oakel Hardy presented this Ordinance. He reported that this Salary Ordinance included a 3% increase in wages. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- J. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____. 2004, ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2005.” Oakel Hardy gave a presentation on the overall city budget for 2005. He spoke of the need for the increased budget, being health insurance costs, ambulance service and parks. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Reports were given for informational purposes.
- B. The next scheduled meeting of the Common Council is Tuesday, September 9th, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

C. Adjourn – Martha Myers moved to adjourn. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 o’clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer